CAPSULE SUMMARY
CT-278
Samuel J. Hammett House
4900 Sixes Road
Prince Frederick, Calvert County
1880-1881
Private

Built in 1880-1881 as a one-and-a-half-story dwelling, the primary resource at 4900 Sixes Road is an excellent example of the expansion of a modest rural building form in the latter 19th century and during the 20th century. The evolution of the structure reflects not only the needs of the property owner, the growth of the rural crossroads community of Bowens, but the architectural fashions of the renovation phases. The land on which the dwelling was constructed was originally part of a 750-acre tract of land owned by Cephas H. Bowen, whose daughter Rosa, married Samuel J. Hammett. The property at 4900 Sixes Road was given to the couple and constructed of the one-and-a-half-story dwelling commenced in 1880-1881 along with such agricultural improvements as a barn and outbuildings associated with the cultivation of tobacco, corn, wheat, and vegetables. Samuel Hammett was a farmer, waterman, slave owner, and self-taught veterinarian and physician for the growing community. Accordingly, the property at one time included a smokehouse, corn crib, outhouse, chicken house, tobacco barn with stable, tenant house (originally slave quarters and destroyed by hurricane), hog pen, mill, Hammett's medical office, and one-room schoolhouse (the latter two were destroyed by fire). The property remained in the Hammett family for over 100 years, which it was purchased by the Handel family in 1953.

As originally constructed in 1880-1881, the wood-frame structure stood one-and-a-half stories in height. This originally dwelling, ultimately raised to two stories with a side-gabled roof and exterior-end chimney, now serves as a rear ell to the 1882 portion of the building. This second building campaign, undertaken immediately after the original section was completed, is two stories in height with a side-gabled roof and exterior-end chimney. In 1920, the main block of the house as it appears today was constructed. The 1882 addition was utilized as a south wing. The main block stands two-and-a-half stories in height with a gable/hipped roof, dormers, and central chimney. In 1972, a one-and-a-half-story rear addition was constructed on the 1920 main block. Now covered by a shed roof, the 1972 addition was enlarged to two stories in 1985. The front porch was constructed circa 1976.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

CT-278

1. Name of Pr	operty	(indicate preferred	name)			
historic	Samuel J. H	Iammett House				
other	Windy Hill	Farm				
2. Location						
street and number	4900 Sixes	Road			no	t for publication
city, town	Prince Fred	erick			vic	cinity
county	Calvert					
3. Owner of P	roperty	(give names and mailing	g addresses	of all own	ers)	
name	Terence N.	Gibson et al				
street and number	4900 Sixes	Road			telephone	410-535-1481
city, town	Pr. Frederic	k	state	MD	zip code	20678
Contributing R Contributing R Determined Eli Determined Inc	esource in Nati esource in Loca gible for the Na eligible for the N IABS/HAER	onal Register District al Historic District ational Register/Maryland Revaluational Register/Maryland Research Report	egister			
Other						
Other 6. Classificat Category district	wnership public X private both	Current Function agriculture commerce/trade defense X domestic education funerary government health care	landscape recreation/oreligion social transportati work in pro unknown vacant/not	ion gress	3	t Noncontributing 3 buildings sites 1 structure objects 4 Total

7. Description

Inventory No.

CT-278

Condition

 excellent		deteriorated
 good		ruins
fair	_X_	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING. Located at 4900 Sixes Road, the dwelling sits on a sloping, grassy lot augmented with mature trees and shrubs, historic landscaping, foundation plantings and a gravel driveway. The rural property is further improved with an historic barn and shed and a non-historic pool, garage, and two sheds.

PRIMARY RESOURCE. As originally constructed in 1880-1881, the wood-frame structure stood one-and-a-halfstories in height. This originally dwelling, ultimately raised to two stories with a side-gabled roof and exterior-end chimney, now serves as a rear ell to the 1882 portion of the building. This second building campaign, undertaken immediately after the original section was completed, is two stories in height with a side-gabled roof and exterior-end chimney. In 1920, the main block of the house as it appears today was constructed. The 1882 addition was utilized as a south wing. The main block stands two-and-a-half stories in height with a gable/hipped roof, dormers, and central chimney. In 1972, a one-and-a-half-story rear addition was constructed on the 1920 main block. Now covered by a shed roof, the 1972 addition was enlarged to two stories in 1985. The front porch was constructed circa 1976.

Presently, the two-and-a-half-story wood-frame main block of the dwelling, which is clad in aluminum siding, features a gable/hipped roof with pressed metal shingles, overhanging eaves, and a boxed aluminum cornice. A half-hipped dormer marks each elevation, each detailed with a lancet-arched 2/2 wood window with a square-edged aluminum surround. A central-interior, brick chimney rises from the center of the roof of the main block. The primary elevation, which faces east, consists of a two-bay main block with circa 1976 front porch and the 1882 two-story side addition. The symmetrically fenestrated main block features an off-center, single-leaf entry sheltered by the circa 1976 gabled portico with wood-post supports. The main block and two-story side addition are pierced on the façade with 2/2 wood windows with square-edged aluminum surrounds and fixed aluminum louvered shutters. The side and rear elevations of the two-story addition have 6/6 windows. An interior-end chimney and an exterior-end chimney anchor the two-story addition. On the north elevation of the two-story 1882 addition is the original 1880-1881 structure. Constructed of wood frame, the structure was ultimately raised to two stories and now has a side-gabled roof, exterior-end chimney, and 6/6 windows. A modern two-story shed addition, pierced with 6/6 vinyl windows, extends from the rear elevation of the main block. This addition includes the 1972 kitchen that was enlarged in 1985 to two stories. It has large plate-glass windows flanked by elongated 6/6 windows on both the first and second stories.

SECONDARY RESOURCES.

A one-story circa 1990 garage/workshop features concrete block construction and a side-gabled corrugated metal roof with plywood-clad gable peaks.

Constructed circa 1880, the wood-frame tobacco barn stands two stories in height. Clad in vertical board, the barn features a gable-on-hip roof with corrugated metal sheathing.

A circa 1990 one-story shed features a wood frame with pressed vertical-board cladding and a front-gabled corrugated metal roof.

A circa 1980 one-story garage/shed features wood-frame construction, a side-gabled roof, and corrugated metal cladding. Underneath this structure is an ice house.

Constructed circa 1930, the wood-frame, one-story shed features weatherboard cladding and a front-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. This structure was originally a smokehouse.

An in-ground pool was added to the property circa 1990.

8. Signifi	canc	e			Inventory No.	C1-27	/8
Period1600-16991700-17991800-18991900-19992000-	8 8 8	a of Significance agriculture archeology architecture art commerce	6 6 6	eck and justify economics education engineering entertainment/ ecreation ethnic heritage	below health/medicine industry invention landscape architecture law literature		performing arts philospohy politics/government religion science social history
Specific dat	(community planning conservation	6	exploration/ settlement	maritime industry military	Jnknov	transportation other:
Constructio						,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Evaluation for	or:						
N	lational F	Register		Maryla	and Register	X	not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Built in 1880-1881 as a one-and-a-half-story dwelling, the primary resource at 4900 Sixes Road is an excellent example of the expansion of a modest rural building form in the latter 19th century and during the 20th century. The evolution of the structure reflects not only the needs of the property owner, the growth of the rural crossroads community of Bowens, but the architectural fashions of the renovation phases.

The land on which the dwelling was constructed was originally part of a 750-acre tract of land owned by Cephas H. Bowen, whose daughter Rosa, married Samuel J. Hammett. The property at 4900 Sixes Road was given to the couple and constructed of the one-and-a-half-story dwelling commenced in 1880-1881 along with such agricultural improvements as a barn and outbuildings associated with the cultivation of tobacco, corn, wheat, and vegetables. Samuel Hammett was a farmer, waterman, slaveowner, and self-taught veterinarian and physician for the growing community. Accordingly, the property at one time included a smokehouse, corn crib, outhouse, chicken house, tobacco barn with stable, tenant house (originally slave quarters and destroyed by hurricane), hog pen, mill, Hammett's medical office, and one-room schoolhouse (the latter two were destroyed by fire). The property remained in the Hammett family for over 100 years, which it was purchased by the Handel family in 1953.(1)

Throughout most of its history until the second half of the 20th century, Calvert County was a highly rural, agricultural county engaged primarily in tobacco cultivation and characterized by an isolated, highly dispersed population. At the time of the 1890 federal census, Calvert County was the smallest county in the state of Maryland both in land area and population, but fifth in annual tobacco production behind a number of significantly larger, wealthier and more populous counties. Just ten years later in 1900, Calvert County had more than doubled its tobacco production and had risen to the third largest tobacco producing county in the state behind nearby Charles and Prince George's Counties.

The house is one of the most architecturally significant residences in Bowens, which, like other similar communities in Calvert County, developed during the late 19th century around heavily traveled crossroads. Since the 17th century until the second quarter of the 20th century, the major method of transportation in Calvert County had been the numerous navigable waterways. By the middle of the 19th century, a number of small crossroads communities had begun to develop throughout Calvert County, spurred by the increase in travel volume along inland routes due to the high tobacco yield during the prosperous decades before the Civil War. One such community developed on the road from Prince Frederick to Williams Wharf at the mouth of Battle Creek, where the road intersected with what is now Sandy Point Road. This road ran through the property of the Bowen family. This community, which would come to be known as Bowens, expanded south along Adelina Road to the intersection of what is now Sixes Road, which led from the middle of the county to Hallowing Point Wharf. In 1882, the community received a major stimulus with the purchase of a two-and-a-half-acre parcel at the northwest corner of Adelina and Sixes Roads by Silas Bowen, who constructed a store on the site.

(2) By 1900, a post office was operating in Bowen's Store, which served as the anchor for the surrounding community until the middle of the 20th century. (3) With the establishment of a successful store and post office in Bowens, other residences were

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No CT-278

Name	Samuel.	J. Hamm	ett House
Continu	ation She	eet	
Number	8	_Page	1

constructed in the community, which by 1902 had over 30 buildings. (4)

ENDNOTES

- (1) Gibson, Mary Ellen, "Windy Hill Farm, A short history of the Hammett property." November 21, 1994. Archived at the Office of Planning, Calvert County, Prince Frederick, Maryland.
- (2) Weidlich, Robin J. and Carrie E. Albee. Bowen's Store and Post Office, CT-105, Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historic Trust, Crownsville, MD.
- (3) Weidlich, Robin J. and Carrie E. Albee. Bowen's Store and Post Office, CT-105, Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historic Trust, Crownsville, MD.
- (4) "Map of Calvert County Showing the Topography and Election Districts," 1902. Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. CT-278

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 15.04 Acres

Acreage of historical setting

55 Acres

Quadrangle name

Broomes Island

Quadrangle scale

1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located at 4900 Sixes Road in Prince Frederick, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 26, Parcel 258, Lot 2 since its construction in 1880-1881. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book JLB 128, Page 446.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Carrie E. Albee and Jennifer B. Hallock, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Inc.	date	4/25/03
street and number	1121 5th Street, NW	telephone	202-393-1199
city or town	Washington	state DC	zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

Maryland Historical Trust

DHCD/DHCP

100 Community Place Crownsville MD 21032

410-514-7600

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-278

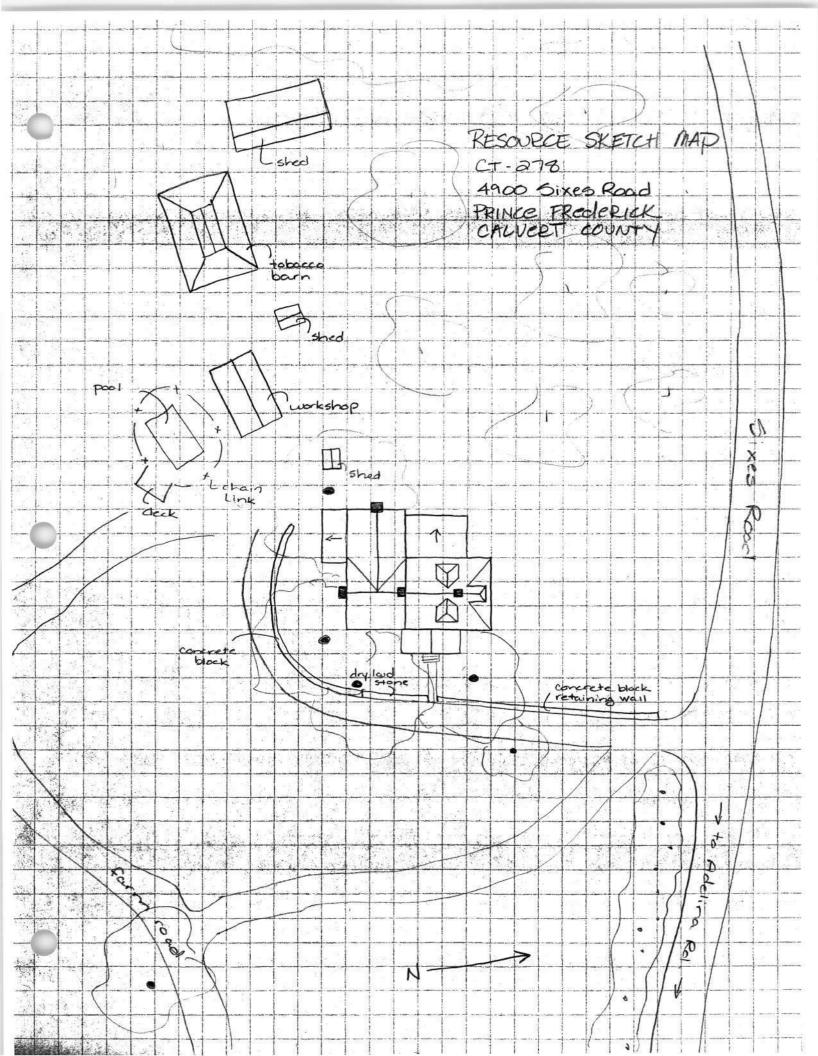
Name Samuel J. Hammett House	
Continuation Sheet	
Number 9 Page 1	

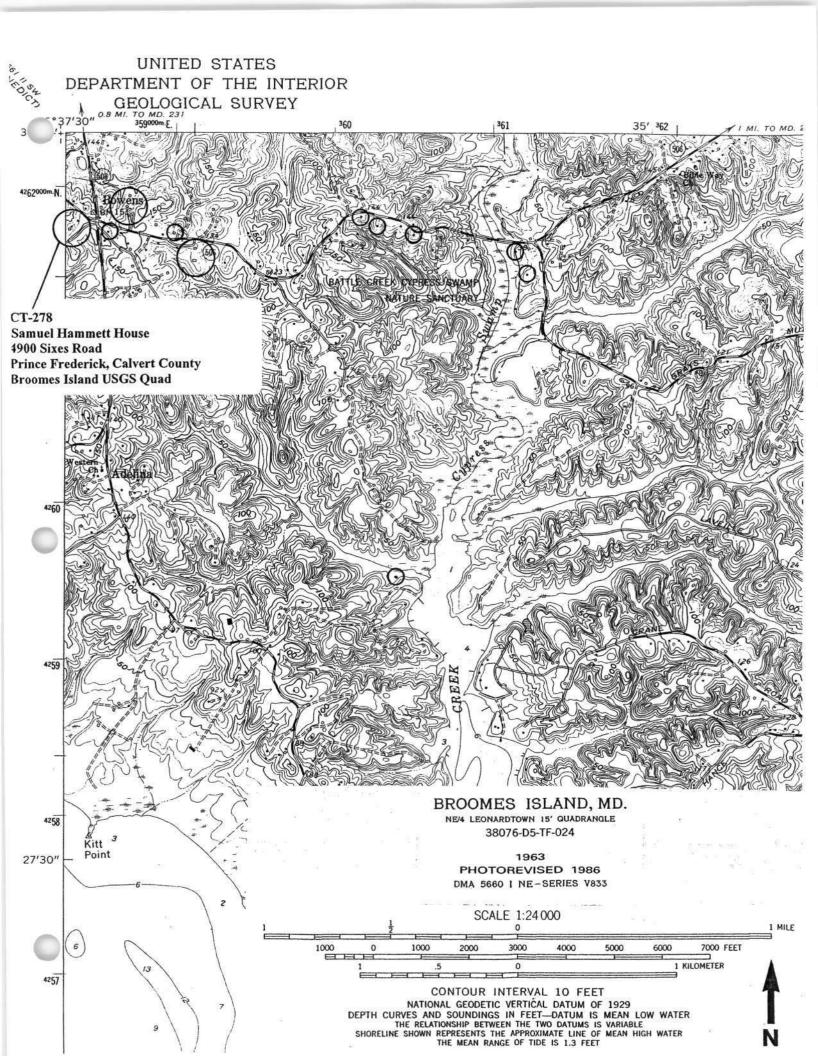
Gibson, Mary Ellen, "Windy Hill Farm, A short history of the Hammett property." November 21, 1994. Archived at the Office of Planning, Calvert County, Prince Frederick, Maryland.

"Map of Calvert County Showing the Topography and Election Districts," 1902. Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

United States Federal Agricultural Census, 1880, 1900.

Weidlich, Robin J. and Carrie E. Albee. Bowen's Store and Post Office, CT-105, Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historic Trust, Crownsville, MD.







SAMUEL HAMMETT HOUSE

4900 Sixes Road

Couvert county, MD

Tracenies

1/2003

MD SHPO

House, Northeast Corner

1 of A



CT- 278 SAMUEL HAMMETT HOUSE 4900 Sixes Road convert county, mD Traceries 1/2003 MD SHPO House, Northwest Corner 2 of 4



CT- 278 SAMUEL HAMMETT HOUSE 4900 Sixes Road Couvert county, mD Traseries 1/2003 MD SHPO House, South Elevation 3 OP 4



CT-278 SAMUEL HAMMETT HOUSE 4900 Sixes Boad Convert County mD Iraceries 1/2003 MD SHPO Tobacco Barn, Southeast corner 4 of 4

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 1	VAME				The control of	
н	ISTORIC					
OBJECTIN PROCESSEEING CONSI	mett House					
A			- Pith Advanced to the Control of th			
						A Son pour Property and the Control of the Control
2 L	OCATION					
S	TREET & NUMBER					
	Sixes Road	1	NOTES AND RESERVED TO THE RESE			
CI	ITY, TOWN			CONGRESS	IONAL DISTR	CT
			VICINITY OF	COLINITY		
S			WI	County		
	THE RESERVE THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NAMED IN COLUMN TWO I	MICAI	CHARLES AND	LOLVERT.	Permittee museum variables	AND COMMENTS OF THE PARTY OF TH
E C	LASSIFICA	ATION				
	CATECORY	0.000.500.00	0747110		DOFO	
		GRANT SANDY AND STATES AND NO	STATUS			ENTUSE
			XOCCUPIED	10	CULTURE	MUSEUM
		2625-262-3-45377	UNOCCUPIED	52-05-05-06-0	MERCIAL	PARK
	¥.5	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	WORK IN PROGRESS		CATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			ACCESSIBLE			RELIGIOUS
	083201		YES: RESTRICTED		ERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	200	EEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDU	ISTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
Elizabeth Communication of the	DECEMBER OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY.			and the second s	(AST) I	_OTHER:
	OWNER OF	PROPERTY				
N	AME			Moloshone	. и.	
	TOEET & NIIMBER			Telephone	1 # :	·
51	THEET & NOWIDER					
CI	TY, TOWN			,	STATE, Z	ip code
			VICINITY OF			A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH
TOTAL T	OCATION	OF LEGAL DESCR	IPTION		Ferriorist remark unique service	A A COMPANY OF THE PROPERTY OF
	COLLIGIA	OI MIGHADAGOA	22 22011	Liber #:		
				Folio #:	1	
-		Calvert Coun	ty Courthouse			1
S	TREET & NUMBER					
CI	TV TOWN				STATE	
C.		derick			MD	
n n			NC CLIDNEAC	O COMMENSATION OF AN ADVANCED ASSESSMENT OF A SECURITY OF	The same of the sa	
W K	EPKESEN.	IA HUN IN EXIST	MG SUK VE XS			
TI	TLE		12			
DA	ATE					
			FEDERAL	_STATECOUNT	Y _LOCAL	
	EPOSITORY FOR URVEY RECORDS					
CI	TY, TOWN			S	TATE	

DESCRIPTION

XEXCELLENT _G00D

__FAIR

CONDITION

__DETERIORATED

_RUINS

__UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

XUNALTERED

__ALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE

__MOVED DATE_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gothic-arched windows set in hip-roofed dormers are the main distinguishing feature of this two-bay-square, two-story frame house. The hall and one bedroom are decorated with pressed tin.

SIGNIFICANCE

	PERIOD	AF	REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH	ECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	
1	PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
	1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	_LAW	SCIENCE
	1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
	1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE -	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
	1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
	X_1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION
	<u>工</u> 1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
			_INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Behind Dr. Simmons office, or west of it, the Hammett house still stands. Although the interior is much altered the exterior retains a good resemblance of its Nineteenth Century appearance. 1950's snapshots show a small frame farmhouse with many additions of different sizes rambling in several directions at once. Gothic scrollwork on the multi-sided porched, spindle doors, 2/2 windows, bracketed eaves, and dormers with pointed-arch windows speak of the Victorian era. It is a house that grew with its family and for this reason it has much in common with the house and store across the street. It is a mid-nineteenth century structure which documents successive periods including our present day devotion to aluminum siding. This is not our first encounter with sheet metal decoration, however, and the Hammett House and Bowens Store prove it. The interior of the north wing on the store and the hall and one bedroom of this house are covered with sheets of tin pressed or embossed into a delightful floral pattern. Ogee mouldings and bulls eye corner blocks complete the ornate appearance of the interior.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

GEOGRAP	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	ATE SHEET	Rumpi kursi melile Messa sa			NAME OF TAXABLE		-	THE POLYMENT IN	
ACREAGE OF NON				_						
VERBAL BOUN	DARY DESCR	RIPTION								
		393							222	
			3	9 0					ž.	
							*			
LIST ALL	STATES AND	COUNTIES FOR	PROPERT	IES OVERLA	PPING STATI	OR COL	INTY BO	DUNDA	RIES	
STATE				COUNTY				*		
STATE	£2 :	E S		COUNTY	-					
FORM PR	EPARED	BY Signifi	cance s	tatement:	Wayne N	ield.	Form	comp	iled	by:
	Mo	me Elina	0:2 .				1978			
ORGANIZATION	architan	trad cous.	uliant			DATE				
STREET & NUMBER		Bas 26		-		TELEP	HÖNE			

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



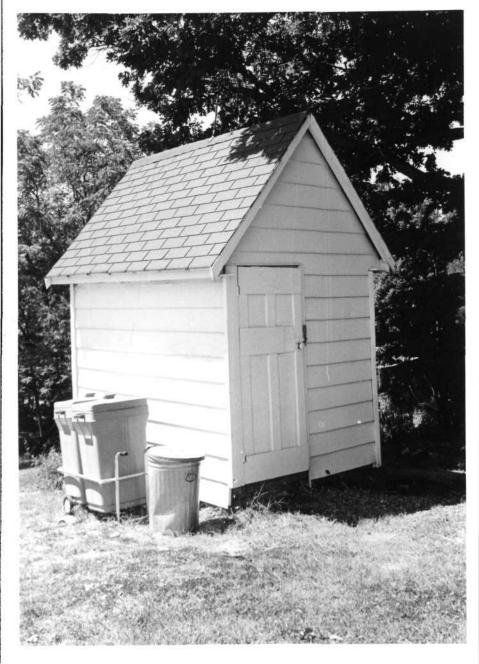
CT-278

CT-278

OSCAR HAMMETT

N.W.

W. KIELD



CT-278

HHP

OSCAR HAMMETT

MEAT HSE

SE.

W. NIECD 8/77



CT-078

###

OSCAR HAMMETT

W. NICLD 8/77



CT-278

OSEAR HAMMETT HE.

W. HIELD JUNE 77